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SUBJECT: MATERIAL ON PRESIDENT'S TRIP

1. THE FUNDAMENTAL MATERIALS ON PRESIDENT'S TRIP ARE  
CONTAINED IN THE REGULAR BRIEFING BOOKS. FOLLOWING  
PARAGRAPHS NOTE NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS OF  
WHICH YOU SHOULD BE AWARE. ALL MATERIALS IN QUESTION  
WILL BE IN BRIEF CASE IN CARE OF S/S STAFFER DICK PETERSON.

2. TEHRAN

A. JOINT COMMISSION. THE IRANIANS, UNDER PROMPTING FROM  
OUR EMBASSY, SUGGESTED FEB. 27 FOR MEETING IN WASHINGTON  
OF U.S.-IRAN JOINT COMMISSION. SECRETARY'S CALENDAR DOES  
NOT ALLOW TIME ON 27TH BUT WE HAVE GIVEN GOI ALTERNATE  
DATES OF FEB. 24, 28 AND MARCH 1.

B. IRANIAN F-5S TO EGYPT. YOU WILL WANT TO REVIEW  
MATERIAL IN YOUR TEHRAN STOP FOLDER ON NSC QUERY FOR VIEWS  
ON OUR PROMOTING TRANSFER OF IRANIAN F-5S TO EGYPT, AND  
STATE/DOD RESPONSE.

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C. MILITARY RELATIONSHIP. THE ISSUES SECTION OF THE  
SCOPE PAPER CONTAINS THE MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THE GOI LONG-  
TERM PROJECTION OF POSSIBLE IRANIAN ARMS PURCHASES FROM  
US. TOUFANIAN HAS INFORMED US THAT THE SHAH WILL WANT  
TO RECEIVE OUR INITIAL REACTIONS TO THIS PROJECTION.  
THE STUDIES ON IRAN'S ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY (A COMMITMENT  
MADE TO CONGRESS DURING AWACS DEBATE) AND PERSIAN GULF

BALANCE OF POWER (REQUESTED BY SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE) ARE MOVING SLOWLY AND ARE UNLIKELY TO BE READY FOR ANOTHER 2-3 WEEKS AT BEST.

D. NUCLEAR ENERGY. I HAVE PUT A COPY OF A RECENT "NIGHT NOTE" ON NUCLEAR ENERGY IN YOUR TEHRAN FOLDER: IT SUPPLEMENTS THE SCOPE PAPER. AMOUZEGAR HAS TOLD US THAT THE DRAFT COVERING NOTE AND DRAFT AGREEMENT (ALSO IN YOUR TEHRAN FOLDER) LOOK FINE TO HIM AND HE WOULD DISCUSS THEM WITH THE SHAH, BUT WE CANNOT PREDICT THAT ALL POINTS WILL BE RESOLVED TO MUTUAL SATISFACTION IN FEW DAYS REMAINING SO AS TO PERMIT SOME POSITIVE ANNOUNCEMENT DURING UPCOMING VISIT. WILL INFORM YOU OF ANY CHANGE.

E. THE SHAHBANOU. THE ASIA SOCIETY UNDER PHIL TALBOT IS TO OPEN AN EXHIBIT ON ART OF SASSANIAN PERIOD (211 AD TO 637 AD) ON JANUARY 12. CURRENTLY THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR HER TO TRAVEL ELSEWHERE IN THE U.S. SY WILL ASSUME FULL PROTECTION. SOME PIECES OF THE EXHIBIT, WE ARE TOLD, ARE FROM THE SHAHBANOU'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

F. STUDENT/POLITICAL DEMONSTRATIONS. THE DEMONSTRATIONS OF STUDENTS/OPPOSITION POLITICIANS IN IRAN IN NOVEMBER (SEE SCOPE PAPER) HAVE APPARENTLY CEASED. WE ARE EXPECTING VARIOUS DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE U.S. ON DEC. 30-JAN.1 PROTESTING PRESIDENT'S VISIT. GOI IS CONCERNED ABOUT  
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POSSIBLE SEIZURE OF ONE OF ITS OFFICES IN U.S.; SY HAS ALERTED ALL APPROPRIATE POLICE DEPARTMENTS. WE ARE KEEPING FINGERS CROSSED.

G. INDIAN OCEAN DEMILITARIZATION. EMBASSIES TEHRAN, NEW DELHI AND JIDDA (AMONG OTHERS) RECEIVED MESSAGE TO BRIEF HOST GOVERNMENTS ON LATEST (DECEMBER) ROUND OF TALKS WITH SOVIETS ON INDIAN OCEAN DEMILITARIZATION. COPY OF TELEGRAM IS IN YOUR TEHRAN FOLDER; ALSO SEE BACKGROUND PAPER IN NEW DELHI BRIEFING BOOK.

H. HORN OF AFRICA. FONMIN KHALATBARY HAS TOLD US THAT SHAH WILL WANT TO DISCUSS HORN OF AFRICA DEVELOPMENTS WITH PRESIDENT. (PRESIDENT'S SCOPE PAPER WILL HAVE SECTION.) KHALATBARY HAS ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER REPORTS GOI HAS RECEIVED THAT CUBANS ARE PRESENT IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN. WE HAVE ASKED INR URGENTLY TO PREPARE MESSAGE TO SULLIVAN WITH WHATEVER INFORMATION WE HAVE; WILL MARK COPY FOR YOU.

I. OIL. THE PRESIDENT SENT A MESSAGE TO THE SHAH (IN YOUR TEHRAN FOLDER) EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR HIS EFFORT ON

PRICE FREEZE. WE MAY STILL NEED TO PRESS ON MAINTAINING  
FREEZE THROUGH LATTER HALF OF 1978.

3. NEW DELHI.

A. PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM. AS OF TODAY, THE PROGRAM IS SET  
WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

1. JOINT DECLARATION. SEVERAL DRAFTS HAVE BEEN EXCHANGED,  
AND THE MOST RECENT INDIAN VERSION IS NOW BEING CONSIDERED  
AT WHITE HOUSE. (TEXT WILL BE IN YOUR STOP FOLDER.)

2. VILLAGE VISIT. DESPITE REPEATED TURNDOWNS BY WH  
SCHEDULERS, INDIANS ARE STILL SUGGESTING THAT PRESIDENT,  
ACCOMPANIED BY DESAI, VISIT A VILLAGE DURING EARLY MORN-  
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ING OF JANUARY 3. (WE AND NSC STAFF HAVE FAVORED SUCH  
VISIT.)

B. NUCLEAR. YOU WILL WISH TO LOOK OVER THE SOMEWHAT  
ALTERED TACTICS ON THE NUCLEAR ISSUE CONTAINED IN THE SCOPE  
PAPER. BASIC EFFORT IS NOW TO GET GOI TO ACCEPT SAFE-  
GUARDS ON THE COUPLE OF PRESENTLY UNSAFEGUARDED FACILITIES,  
INSTEAD OF TALKING ABOUT "FULL-SCOPE SAFEGUARDS."

C. ARMS. THE ISSUE OF A POSSIBLE INDIAN PURCHASE OF A  
SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS SYSTEM SUCH AS THE JAGUAR HAS  
ASSUMED GREATER IMPORTANCE. REPEATED REPORTS OF INDIAN  
INTENTIONS TO PURCHASE BRITISH JAGUARS HAVE LED TO INCLU-  
SION OF TALKING POINTS ON THIS SUBJECT IN SCOPE PAPER.  
(WE UNDERSTAND NSC STAFF IS MAKING STRONG RECOMMENDATION  
THAT PRESIDENT ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE INDIANS NOT TO MAKE THIS  
PURCHASE.) WE FEAR THAT INDIAN PURCHASE OF  
JAGUARS WOULD LEAD TO PAKISTANI PRESSURE ON US TO SELL

OFFSETTING EQUIPMENT. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE INDICATIONS  
THAT THE INDIANS MAY RAISE ARMS SUPPLY ISSUE WITH THE  
PRESIDENT, PERHAPS EVEN EXPRESSING INTEREST IN BUYING U.S.  
SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT (MAYBE INCLUDING AIRCRAFT).

D. ECON AID. THE PRESIDENT HAS DECIDED ON \$90 MILLION  
REQUEST TO CONGRESS FOR INDIA IN FY 79, LOWER THAN  
ORIGINALLY SOUGHT BY AID BUT HIGHER THAN THE \$60 MILLION  
LEVEL APPROVED FOR FY 78.

E. ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND MATERIAL. WE ARE SENDING YOU  
THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR STOP FOLDER:

--1. BACKUP MATERIAL COVERING ALL THE MAJOR ISSUES LIKELY  
TO ARISE.

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--2. "SCOPE PAPER" FOR THE JOINT COMMISSION MEETING.  
YOU MAY WISH TO ACCOMPANY THE SECRETARY TO THIS ONE HOUR  
MEETING ON JANUARY 3.

--3. A MORE DETAILED PAPER ON THE EASTERN WATERS ISSUE.

--4. BACKGROUND MATERIAL, WHICH WAS PASSED TO THE  
INDIANS LAST WEEK, ON SAFEGUARDS AND THE JAPANESE RE-  
PROCESSING ISSUE.

--5. A SPECIAL PAPER DESCRIBING INDIAN REQUESTS FOR  
INCREASED BILATERAL TRADE OPPORTUNITIES AND THE U.S.  
RESPONSE TO THOSE REQUESTS.

--6. A BACKGROUND PAPER ON THE COMMON FUND, THE MULTI-  
LATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUE MOST LIKELY TO BE PUSHED BY THE  
INDIANS.

4. RIYADH.

A. MIDDLE EAST. JOHN WEST WILL BE SEEING SAUD DECEMBER  
28 AND SHOULD OBTAIN OFFICIAL SAUDI REACTION TO BEGIN'S  
VISIT TO ISMAILIA. IN MEANTIME, JOHN HAS JUST REPORTED  
TWO BITS OF INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION FROM WHICH HE  
CONCLUDES SAG MAY BE CONTEMPLATING CUTTING OFF AID TO  
EGYPT. WE ARE SENDING HIM MESSAGE FOR SAG WITH A  
REASONABLY UPBEAT ASSESSMENT OF ISMAILIA MEETING AND  
SUGGESTING THIS QUESTION BE FURTHER DISCUSSED DURING  
PRESIDENT'S VISIT. (MESSAGES IN YOUR BOOK.)

B. F-15. SUBSEQUENT TO SECRETARY'S LAST TALK WITH FAHD  
IN RIYADH, SAUD HAS REEMPHASIZED TO WEST GREAT IMPORTANCE  
SAG ATTACHES TO PROMPT ACTION ON F-15 SALE AND HAS INDI-  
CATED SAG WILL RAISE THIS QUESTION WITH PRESIDENT. ON

RELATED QUESTION OF PERSIAN GULF ARMS STUDY FOR CONGRESS,  
WE ARE MOVING FORWARD ATTEMPTING TO PRODUCE A PAPER  
WHICH WILL BE CONSTRUCTIVELY SUPPORTIVE OF F-15 SALE.

C. OIL. PRESIDENT SENT MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION TO KING  
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KHALID AFTER OPEC MEETING (MESSAGE IN YOUR BOOK). AT  
CARACAS YAMANI INDICATED SAUDIS WILL RESTRAIN PRODUCTION  
AS NECESSARY TO FIRM UP WEAK CRUDE MARKET OVER COMING  
MONTHS. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT SCHLESINGER TENTATIVELY  
PLANS TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA IN MID-JANUARY. I AM IN  
TOUCH WITH HIM AND WEST IN EFFORT TO PIN DOWN DATES.  
(COPY OF BRIEFING PAPER PREPARED FOR SECRETARY SEVERAL

WEEKS AGO ON WEST'S IDEA RESTORING SAUDI OIL IN U.S. IS  
IN YOUR BOOK; SCHLESINGER MAY WISH TO EXPLORE THIS WITH  
SAUDIS DURING HIS VISIT.)

D. HORN OF AFRICA AND SOUTH ARABIA. WE HAVE BRIEFED  
SAUDIS ON THE SOVIET AIRLIFT TO ETHIOPIA AND ARE SUPPLY-  
ING THEM WITH INTELLIGENCE ITEMS AS WELL AS INR PAPER ON  
SOVIET ROLE IN PDRY. A NUMBER OF RECENT INTELLIGENCE  
REPORTS SUGGEST SAUDIS ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY CON-  
CERNED ABOUT PDRY SITUATION AND APPARENTLY ARE  
STRENGTHENING THEIR FORCES AT SHARURA BORDER POINT.

E. U.S. GULF POLICY. SAUD HAS RAISED WITH WEST CONCERN  
STEMMING FROM PUBLICITY RE A STUDY PREPARED BY PRIVATE  
CONSULTANTS AND RECENTLY PUBLISHED BY JACKSON SUB-  
COMMITTEE ON U.S.-SAUDI-IRANIAN RELATIONSHIPS. WHILE  
THE STUDY ITSELF IS BASICALLY SOUND, PRESS REPORTS  
SUGGESTED THAT U.S. CONTEMPLATES IRAN AS SURROGATE  
FOR SEIZURE OF SAUDI OIL FIELDS SHOULD NEED ARISE.  
HOPING TO LAY THIS ISSUE TO REST BEFORE PRESIDENT'S VISIT,  
WE HAVE SENT WEST INSTRUCTIONS TO REASSURE SAG RE U.S.  
GULF POLICY (MESSAGE IN YOUR BOOK).  
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